TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

M I N U T E S

Regular Quarterly Meeting
1200 East Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas
July 26, 2012

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 8:30 a.m. on July 26, 2012, with the following members present: Fred Heldenfels, presiding; Durga Agrawal; Dennis Golden; Harold Hahn; Bobby Jenkins; Jim Lee; Munir Lalani; Janelle Shepard; David Teuscher; and Ryan Bridges.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to order: Opening Remarks, Announcements and Appointment	Mr. Heldenfels called the meeting of the Coordinating Board to order.
A. Introduction of New Student Board Member, Ryan Bridges	No action required.
B. Recognition of New Presidents and Chancellors in the audience	No action required.
C. New Board Committees	Mr. Heldenfels appointed members to the restructured board committees, which will take effect on September 1, 2012.
II. Approval of Minutes	
A. April 25, 2012, Board Meeting	On motion by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Lalani, the Board approved the April 25, 2012 minutes.
III. Approval of the Consent Calendar	On motion by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Dr. Golden, the Board approved the Consent Calendar. Items on the Consent Calendar were: VI-F; VI-G; VI-H; VIII-C; VIII-K; VIII-L; VIII-M; VIII-N; VIII-O; VIII-R; and VIII-T.
IV. Major Policy Discussion	
A. Discussion of Financial Aid Strategies to Encourage Student Success	No action required. Dr. Sandy Baum, an independent higher education policy analyst and consultant and Dr. Steve DesJardins, Director of the Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education at the University of Michigan gave a presentation to the Board. Assistant Commissioner Dan Weaver presented staff's recommendations to the board.

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V. Recognition of Excellence	
A. Houston Community College System's In-House Online Tutoring Program	No action required. Dr. Stephen Levey, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Instruction, Houston Community College System (HCCS), and Deborah Hardwick, Director of Ask Online, HCCS, made a presentation to the Board on the benefits of the In-House Online Tutoring Program.
VI. Invited Testimony	
A. Texas Association of Community Colleges Presentation on the Texas Success Legislative Agenda	No action required. Representatives from the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) provided an overview of their Texas Success Legislative Agenda.
B. Next Generation Learning Challenges Grant – South Texas College and TAMU-Commerce	No action required.
VII. Matters relating to the Committee on Closing the Gaps	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required. An overview of the Committee's activities was presented to the Board by Dr. Golden, Chair of the Committee on Closing the Gaps.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Committee on Closing the Gaps	No action required.
C. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the annual *Closing the Gaps by 2015 Progress Report*	On motion by Mr. Lalani, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the Board adopted the report. Susan Brown, Assistant Commissioner of Planning and Accountability presented a review of the 2012 Progress Report.
D. Consideration of adopting the Commissioner's recommendation to the Board to expend funds awarded to the Coordinating Board under the 2012-2013 College Access Challenge Grant (CFDA #84.378)	On motion by Mr. Hahn, seconded by Ms. Shepard, the Board approved the funds for the 2012-2013 College Access Challenge Grant.

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E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval of a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the College for All Texans Foundation: Closing the Gaps	On motion by Mr. Lalani, seconded by Dr. Teuscher, the Board approved the new memorandum of understanding.
F. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval to issue a Request for Applications regarding new Adult Basic Education Innovation Grants, amend and extend previously funded Adult Basic Education Innovation Grants, and either extend current evaluation contracts or issue a Request for Applications for evaluation of programs	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
G. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval of an additional year of funding for Intensive Programs for Adult Education Students and amending and extending the contract for external evaluation	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
H. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval to issue a Request for Applications regarding new Developmental Education Demonstration Projects, and either extend current evaluation contracts or issue a Request for Applications for evaluation of programs	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
I. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval to issue a Request for Proposals for the development and implementation of a professional development program supporting the integrated reading/writing model for students not college-ready, and to issue a Request for Applications to secure a contract to do the evaluation	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
J. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval of an amendment to extend the contract and increase funding for technical assistance to Comprehensive Student Success Program sites	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
K. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval of an additional year of funding for participating AVID postsecondary institutions of higher education and amending and extending the contract for external evaluation	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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L. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter C, Section 4.57 of Board rules, and new Section 4.62 of Board rules, concerning Texas Success Initiative (*H.B. 1244, 82nd Texas Legislature, Regular Session*)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
M. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval to issue a Request for Applications for the development and implementation of one or more Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Teacher Preparation Center(s) at public institutions of higher education, and a separate competitive solicitation for the evaluation of the Center(s)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
N. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval of an amendment to extend certain contracts for Educator Preparation Demonstration Sites, and to provide additional funding for such contracts as well as for the supporting evaluation contract	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
VIII. Lunch	
IX. Matters relating to the Committee on Strategic Planning and Policy	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required. An overview of the Committee's activities was presented to the Board by Mr. Hahn, Chair of the Committee on Strategic Planning and Policy.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Committee on Strategic Planning and Policy	No action required.
C. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board for approval of construction, rehabilitation, and property purchase projects 1. <u>Texas Southern University</u> Construct Student Housing Facility at Wheeler and Sampson 3531 Wheeler Street Houston, TX 77004	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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D. Update on construction, rehabilitation, and property purchase project 1. Texas A&M University Renovate Kyle Field District Plan Phase 2 878 Houston Street College Station, TX 77840 2. University of Houston – Victoria Reapprove Construct Academic and Regional Economic Development Building 3007 North Ben Wilson Victoria, TX 77901	No action required.
E. Report on facilities decisions of projects certified to meet the requirements of the expedited process for approval	No action required.
F. Report on facilities decisions made by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the previous Board meeting	No action required.
G. Consideration of adopting the Commissioner's recommendation to the Board to accept and forward to the Joint Oversight Committee on Higher Education Governance, Excellence, and Transparency the report on improving student outcomes and higher education governance (*H.B. 9, 82nd Texas Legislature, Regular Session*)	On motion by Ms. Shepard, seconded by Dr. Teuscher, the board approved the report to be forwarded to the Joint Oversight Committee on Higher Education Governance, Excellence, and Transparency.
H. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the reallocation of formula funding for community colleges Fiscal Year 2013 (*General Appropriations Act, H.B. 1, 82nd Texas Legislature, Section 2, p. 111-196)*	On motion by Ms. Shepard, seconded by Dr. Golden, the Board authorized the Board Chair, Chair of the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee, and the Commissioner to approve the reallocation methodology in accordance with the recommendation of state budget leaders.

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I. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to approve the 2012 African American Museum Internship Report to be submitted to the Governor's Office and Legislative Budget Board by October 1, 2012	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
J. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to a request from Texas Tech University to change the degree designation of its existing Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Special Education to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Special Education	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
K. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the distribution of funds trusteed to the Coordinating Board to support medical and graduate medical education for Fiscal Year 2013 and report on trusteed funds distributed in Fiscal Year 2012	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
L. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the appointment of members to the Certification Advisory Council	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
M. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to a report on the *Methods for Increasing Student Success and Degree Completion at Public Institutions of Higher Education (S.B. 36, 82nd Texas Legislature, Regular Session)*	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
N. Report on the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (T-Stem) Challenge Scholarship Grant Program	No action required.

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O. Proposed Rules: 1. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the repeal of Chapter 4, Rules Applying to All Public Institutions of Higher Education in Texas, Subchapter E, Sections 4.101 – 4.104 and Sections 4.110 – 4.115 of Board rules concerning Learning Outcomes for Undergraduate Courses and Financial Literacy Training 2. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to new sections to Chapter 4, Rules Applying to All Public Institutions of Higher Education in Texas, Subchapter E, Sections 4.101 – 4.104 of Board rules concerning Learning Outcomes for Undergraduate Courses 3. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to new sections to Chapter 4, Rules Applying to All Public Institutions of Higher Education in Texas, Subchapter L, Sections 4.208 – 4.213 of Board rules concerning Financial Literacy Training 4. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 5, Rules Applying to Public Universities, Health-Related Institutions, and/or Selected Public Colleges of Higher Education in Texas, Subchapter C, Approval of New Academic Programs and Administrative Changes at Public Universities, Health-Related Institutions, and Review of Existing Degree Programs, Section 5.46 of Board rules concerning Alternate Undergraduate Success Measures 5. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to amendments to Chapter 21, Subchapter NN, Sections 21.2100 and 21.2101 of Board rules, concerning the Exemption Program for Veterans and their Dependents (The Hazlewood Act), and the repeal of Section 21.2111, concerning the Tuition Exemption for Children of Military Service Members Who Are Deployed	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
P. Report on proposals approved by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the previous Board meeting	No action required.
X. Matters relating to the Committee on Agency Operations	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Committee on Agency Operations	No action required.

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C. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board regarding the Coordinating Board's Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for the 2014-2015 biennium	On motion by Mr. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Lalani the Board approved the Legislative Appropriations Request for the 2014-2015 biennium.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to a request to extend the contract for the HELMS student loan software annual usage and support fees for Fiscal Year 2013 with the total for the year not to exceed $1,150,000	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the report on Financial Aid for College Students in Texas, Fiscal Year 2011 (*H.B. 1, General Appropriations Act, Rider 31, page III-52, 82nd Texas Legislature)*	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
F. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to accept a grant from the St. David's Foundation in the amount of up to $1,070,025 to administer a student loan repayment program for critically needed health care providers at nonprofit clinics serving the underserved populations of the following five Central Texas counties: Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson	On motion by Ms. Shepard, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the Board approved the grant from the St. David's Foundation.
XI. Other Business	
A. Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Board relating to approval to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission that would allow the use of state funding for Baylor College of Medicine to draw down federal funds under the Section 1115 Waiver Program	On motion by Dr. Golden, seconded by Dr. Teuscher, the Board approved the Interagency Agreement with Texas Health and Human Services Commission.
XII. Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Mr. Lalani, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Golden
Secretary of the Board